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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1, 4, and 6-16 are pending in the instant application. Claims 2-3 and 5 are canceled.

Response

Applicant's remarks and amendment to the claims filed on 4/29/2009 are acknowledged. The rejections made in the previous office action are withdrawn in view of the amendment to the claims, examiner's amendment and response.

Claims 1, 4, 6-11 and 15 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(B), claims 12-14 and 16 directed to the process of making or using an allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.

Because all claims previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 have been rejoined, **the restriction requirement as set forth in the Office action mailed on 9/28/2007 is hereby withdrawn.** In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Hui Wauters on 9/10/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 6, line 6, insert ---the polymer backbone further comprises--- before the word structural units.

In claim 13, line 7, insert ---the polymer backbone further comprises--- before the word structural units.

In claim 14, line 1, insert ---electronic--- before the word device.

Reasons for Allowance

The present invention is directed to a halogenated bisdiarylaminopolycyclic aromatic monomer or polymer and an electronic device using the monomer or polymer. The closest prior art of record is by Takuma Hirosuke (JP-05-025473), which teaches a similar monomer, but does not teach the instantly claimed monomer wherein two aryl groups are substituted with bromine and the other two aryl groups are substituted with alkyl, alkoxy, carbo-alkoxy or aryl group. Therefore, Claims 1, 4 and 6-16 are allowed over the prior art.

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Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Susannah Chung whose telephone number is (571) 272-6098. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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